

875—177.6(90A) Procedural rules.

177.6(1) *Inspection for foreign substances.* The referee shall inspect the gloves, bandages, and bodies of the contestants and make sure that no foreign substances have been applied to the gloves, bandages, or bodies of the contestants that might be detrimental to an opponent.

177.6(2) *Prohibited materials in ring.* Contestants shall not take anything not permitted by these rules into the ring or pick up anything thrown into the ring and use the material or object in any way to gain an advantage over an opponent.

177.6(3) *Fouls.* The following activities will be deemed a foul:

1. Striking of any kind in the groin area.
2. Striking after the bell has terminated the round.
3. Butting the opponent with the head.
4. Biting the opponent.
5. Gouging of an eye.
6. Pulling of hair.
7. Striking an opponent with an elbow while the opponent is on the mat.
8. Striking deliberately at that part of the body over the kidneys.
9. Striking the back of the head with a closed fist.
10. Using abusive, foul or profane language or mannerisms by any person associated with any contestant.
11. Failing to obey the referee.
12. Deliberately leaving the enclosed ring during the course of a fight in pursuit of another contestant.
13. Using any physical actions which may injure a contestant, except by fair sportinglike means.

177.6(4) *Mouth protection ejected.* If the mouth protection is knocked from a contestant's mouth, it shall be replaced with no penalty.

177.6(5) *Spitting mouth protection.* The referee shall caution a contestant who deliberately spits out a mouthpiece the first time and disqualify the contestant the second time.

177.6(6) *Gloves.* The gloves shall not be damaged or manipulated in any way by the contestants or their handlers. If a glove breaks or becomes undone during the fight, the referee will instruct the timekeeper to take time out while the glove is being adjusted or replaced.

177.6(7) *Injury.* If a contestant claims to be injured or when a contestant has been injured seriously or knocked out, the referee shall immediately stop the fight and summon the attending ring physician to make an examination of the stricken fighter. If the physician decides that the contestant has been injured, the physician shall advise the referee of the severity of the injury. If the physician is of the opinion the injured contestant may be able to continue, the physician shall order a five-minute intermission, after which the physician shall make another examination and again advise the referee of the injured contestant's condition. Managers, handlers and seconds shall not attend to the stricken fighter, except at the request of the physician.